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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Schools, small and minority businesses, and the individual personal computer user all stand to lose if the government continues its open-ended pursuit of the high-tech industry.

For years now, the U.S. Department of Justice has relentlessly attempted to break-up Microsoft Corporation into two companies. The lawsuit was wisely dropped but not until wasting millions of taxpayer dollars. Now, even more ominous threat looms on the high-tech horizon - government regulations of the entire industry.

What disturbs me most is that the pursuit of Microsoft was and still is competitor-driven. No consumer or end-user of Microsoft products is a party to this attempt to quash innovation and interfere with market-driven competition. Does the handful of competitors realize that when the government regulates, it regulates everyone?

I think it is time to settle all remaining issues between Microsoft and the government and let the technology industry get back to the business of providing high quality products to the American consumer.

Sincerely,



Linda Newman
President